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THE ALLIES' ANSWER.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.
Impartial newspapers generally praise
the Entente's reply to the German Note
as being straightforward and lucid.
The New York Herald expresses the
opinion that the positiveness of the
rejection will prove a step towards
peace by revealing the truth to the
German people, thus marking the
beginning of the end of Prussianism.
The Tribune says the Answer definitely
puts an end to the attempted
intervention of the United States.
The New York Times thinks the door
is left open to peace and anticipates
a fresh German bid for it shortly in
view of the threatened exhaustion
of Germany.
The Washington Post says the Reply
seals the doom of Germany, but, before
yielding, she will fight desperately in
new directions. Neutrals will almost
certainly be involved in the struggle.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
A German official report, received
by wireless, says: "We repulsed
English hand-grenade attacks at
Ypres, and mined trenches in
Argonne and the Meuse region."

**HOSTILE PATROLS AT BRITISH
TRENCHES.**

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:
A hostile patrol reached our
trenches eastward of Vermelles, but
were driven back, losing half their
number.
We ejected the portion of a strong
patrol which entered our trenches
northward of Ypres. Their losses
were heavy.

**RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN
FRONTS.**

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AGAINST
THE ENEMY.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
A Russian official report trans-
mitted by wireless states:
Enemy groups advancing after
fierce fighting by rifle and machine-
gun, south-west of Brody were
driven back.
An enemy offensive on the Mo-
lodian frontier was dispersed.
All enemy attacks north and south
of Oltuz Valley were repulsed.
A Rumanian counter-attack re-
gained positions on the River Kai-
zina, despite continuous fierce
attacks.
Our Dobruja detachments with-
draw to new positions.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
A German official report, received
by wireless, states:
We stormed several hill positions
in Oltuz Valley.
General Mackensen forced the
Russians to further retreat and is
sharply pursuing and defeating the
rearguard.

The Austro-Germans are approach-
ing Focsani. Focsani bridgehead
positions and have taken 1,800
prisoners.

The Bulgaro-Germans captured
stubbornly-defended Russian posi-
tions eastward of Braila, and drove
back the enemy towards Macen.

AUSTRIAN REPORT.

An Austrian official report, received
by wireless, states:
The Austrians and Germans are
before the defensive lines of Braila and
Focsani.

The Archduke Josef has progressed
in the Polesse and Soveja regions.
We stormed several positions
south-east of Harja.

RUMANIA CONFIDENT.

Jassy, Jan. 2.
M. Jonescu delivered a stirring
speech in the Chamber, concluding
with the words: "Confident of vic-
tory, we accept all the pains and
all the sufferings, since it will be
given to us to write the epic of
Rumania."

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
The Danish steamer Danmarck
has been torpedoed.

LIVELY ARTILLERY DUEL.

PARIS, Jan. 2.
A communiqué reports a somewhat
lively artillery duel between Hardan-
mont and Brezon Vaux.
There has been intermittent can-
nonading elsewhere.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ENEMY'S POSITIONS HEAVILY
SHELLED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
An Italian official report states:
Replying to the enemy's artillery,
we heavily shelled trenches and lines
of communication along the whole
front.

We exploded an artillery ammu-
nition store near Castagnavizza.
The enemy persistently shelled
Gorizia, causing material damage
only.

**THE ARMENIAN
MASSACRES.**

HARROWING STORIES BY TURKISH
EX-OFFICIALS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Trustworthy Turkish ex-officials
have given to the Times an appalling
account of what they witnessed on
the occasion of the Armenian
massacres.

They saw numerous bodies of men,
women and children at Mush, all
horribly mutilated. The women
were mostly naked. Five hundred
women, girls and children were
herded in a camp at Bitlis awaiting
the arrival of bands of Kurd criminals,
who were ordered to "deal with
them in their own way."

The informants of the Times saw
15,000 bodies piled in the ravines.
One was filled with corpses of chil-
dren. They say that Armenians
committed suicide to escape a name-
less fate. Government officials
selected the best-looking women
who were outraged and murdered.

STORY OF A WRECK.

HARDSHIPS OF THE
SURVIVORS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Eighteen survivors have been
landed at Queenstown from the
wreck of the 8,000-ton steamer
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Cork. They were rescued from a
barren rock. Several died from
exposure. Twenty-eight are missing.
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By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1916. 1329

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- (2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

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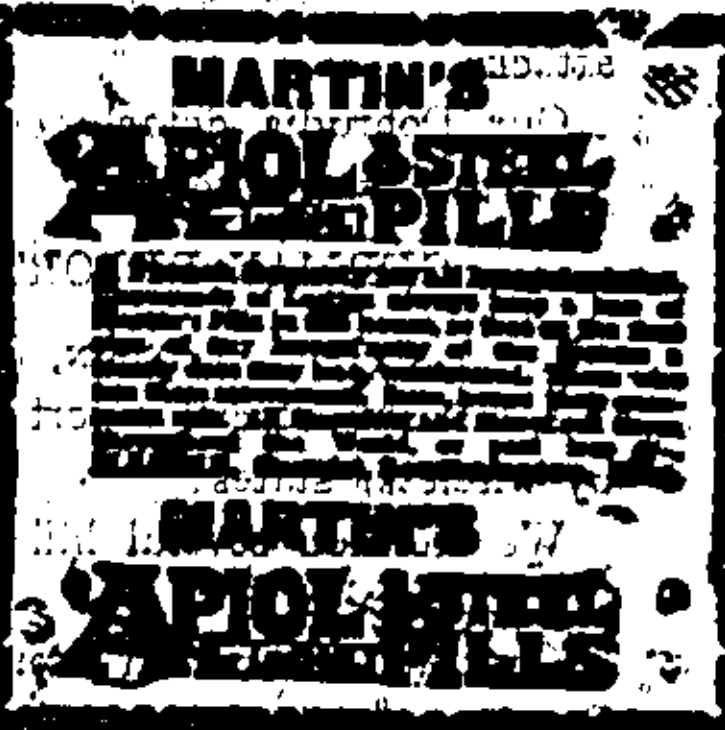
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WAR'S OPPORTUNITIES.

ADDRESS BY THE MASTER OF BALLIOL.

WASTE IN PEACE TIME.

At all the meetings in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope considerable attention has naturally been directed to the attitude of the Church towards the war. The Master of Balliol College, at a recent meeting in Oxford, delivered an address on "Religion and the National Life."

This war had, the Master of Balliol said, forced all of them to think over a good many things, and it had brought most of them into communication with many persons of different classes and many different points of view. Two things that had been brought home to him were—first, the splendid material that was lying in this land of ours unused and almost unrecognised; second, the wonderful opportunity that had been created for them by the war—the greatest thing, not merely the biggest, but the greatest thing that had happened in history since the rise of Christianity. They heard it often said that Christianity had been a failure because it had not stopped war. They might as justly say Christianity had been a failure because it had not stopped social evils. But the fact was that Christianity had not been a failure; it had simply not been tried as a social force—a force moved and acted on by a whole nation.

A REVELATION.
The army had been a revelation to them all of the heroic qualities that all the while underlay the character of the ordinary man. For the men of Ypres and Gallipoli were, after all, the men they knew in ordinary life as miners and porters, clerks and farm labourers; but the difference lay in the training they had been through, and the call now made on their better self. Discipline and an ideal—those were the only things wanted to raise them to the heroic level. But in their ordinary social and industrial life neither of these two great forces was utilised. As to their religion, a recent observer had said: "Here are men, who believe absolutely in the Christian virtues of unselfishness, generosity, charity, humility, without even connecting them in their minds with Christ." A colleague of his, a chaplain, who had been a soldier first, said in battle, in privations, in facing death for a comrade, in bearing wounds, they are beyond words, but they are simply and absolutely pagan. The mass of men had been alienated from what they supposed to be Christianity—a religion which was egotistic not altruistic. It is a religion of the Pharisee, not of the Good Samaritan; and such a religion naturally failed to bring out the goodness latent in the ordinary man.

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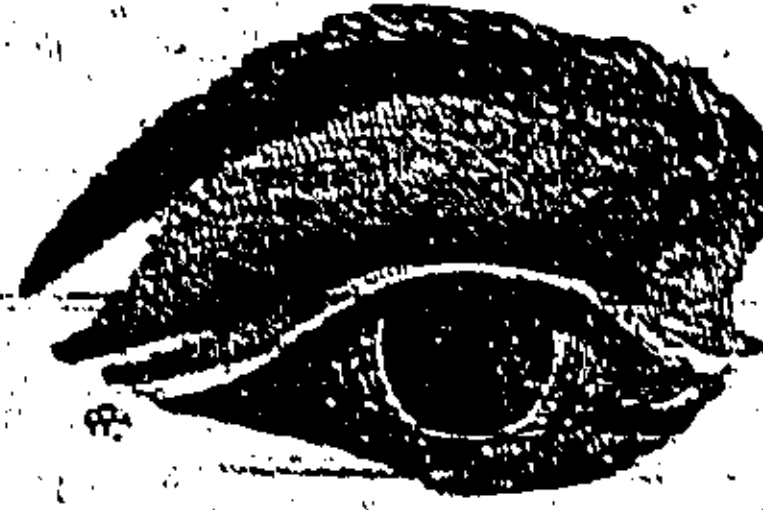
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RELIGION'S LOST HOLD.
By a terrible dereliction of national duty Christianity had lost hold of the labour world, and it was this world of labour which they had to recapture, as well as the student world. Could they not recapture the business and commercial world? Could business itself be humanised and Christianised? If they could not then it was a bad outlook for civilisation. In the struggle between man and machinery, if they did not humanise the working of the machine it would crush humanity. Tremendous as was the burden of the war, it could be met, and met almost easily, if the whole nation would set together. In that case the war would turn out to have actually been, worth while on mere economic grounds. If the nation had not the conscience to act thus, then they would not have won the war, however great the victory over their enemies. Like other wars, the real winners would prove the vanquished. When German militarism was shattered and the world took breath again, it was not another great war that he feared for their children, but the arrogance of victory, when the British Empire, covering a quarter of the area of the globe, controlling all the oceans, containing a quarter of the whole human race, began to arouse world-wide criticism and jealousy. He feared that the same spirit of complacency at victory might blind them to the problems and dangers at home. There was one thing worse even than a European war, and that was civil war.

WASTE IN PEACE TIME.
When it came to patriotism they were proud and thankful that no class could claim a monopoly of it, or even a pre-eminence. The college knew best that quarter of the whole human race, of whom 100 had fallen—more than one-eight. The boys of the reformatory schools had a year ago sent close on 4,000, of whom 530 had fallen—more than one-eighth. Did not that last fact justify the calling attention to their waste of human material, not in war, but in years of peace? The great result of the trenches was not that it made more religious in the church-going sense, so much as that it made them more real, more alive to the real things of life, more religious in the deeper sense. When the war ended there might well be a burst of complacency, even arrogance, exultation. There would be at any rate intense relief and reaction. There would also be such a rush of things needing to be done at once that the greater, higher, more ultimate things would be in danger of being thrust aside. It was now that the nation should be making its high resolutions, now when they were seeing all these splendid young lives being offered up for them every day so ungrudgingly. It was now that they should be pledging themselves that these dead should not have died in vain. For even victory would be in vain unless it led not only to a better Europe for the nations to live in, but to a better England, too, for their children to live in. That day would dawn when they resolved as a nation to bring their religion into their national life, when they realised and acted on the great truth that they were not individuals, but members of a community, and when they applied that truth to the education of their children, the training of their citizens, and the conditions of their industries.

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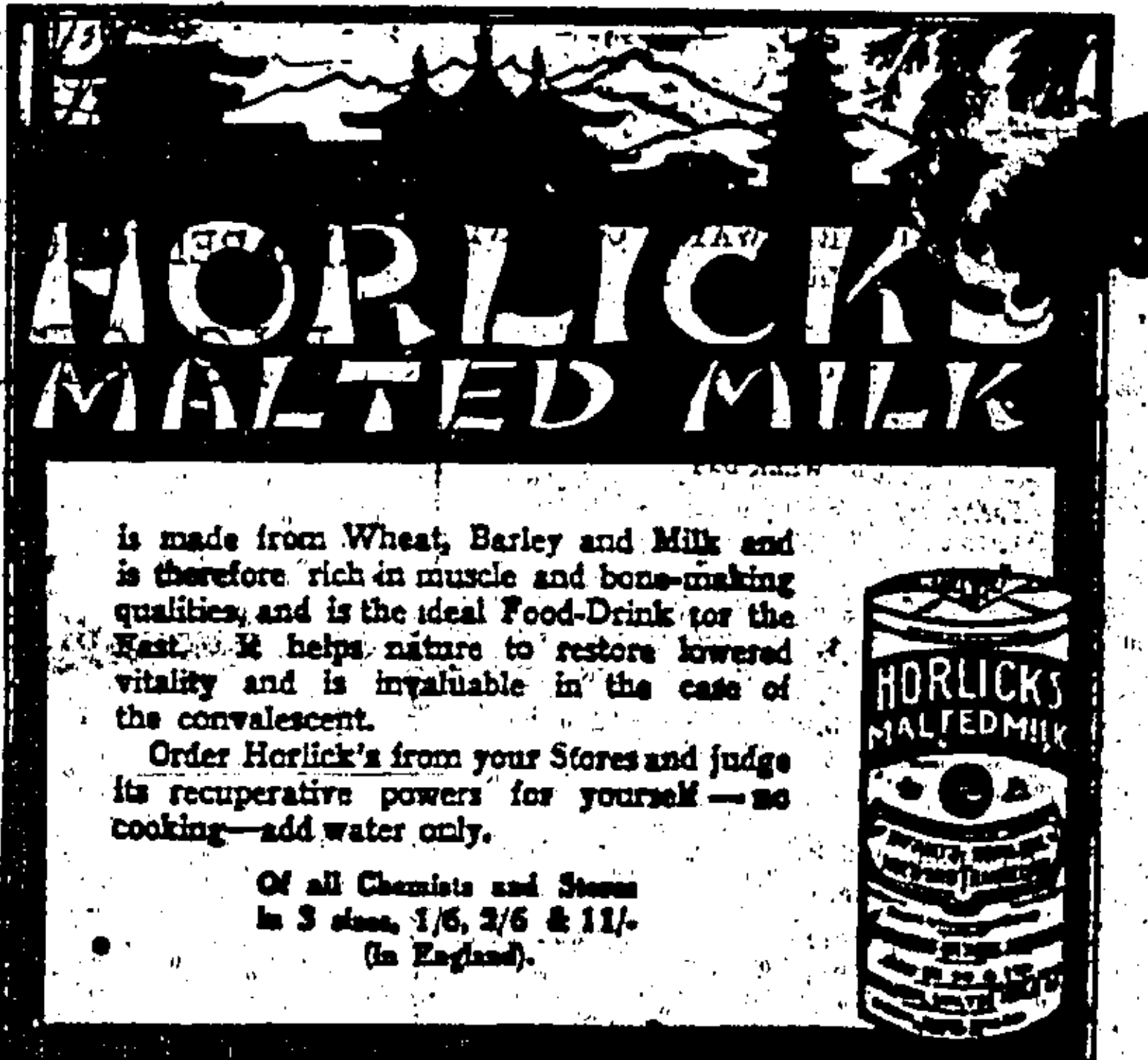
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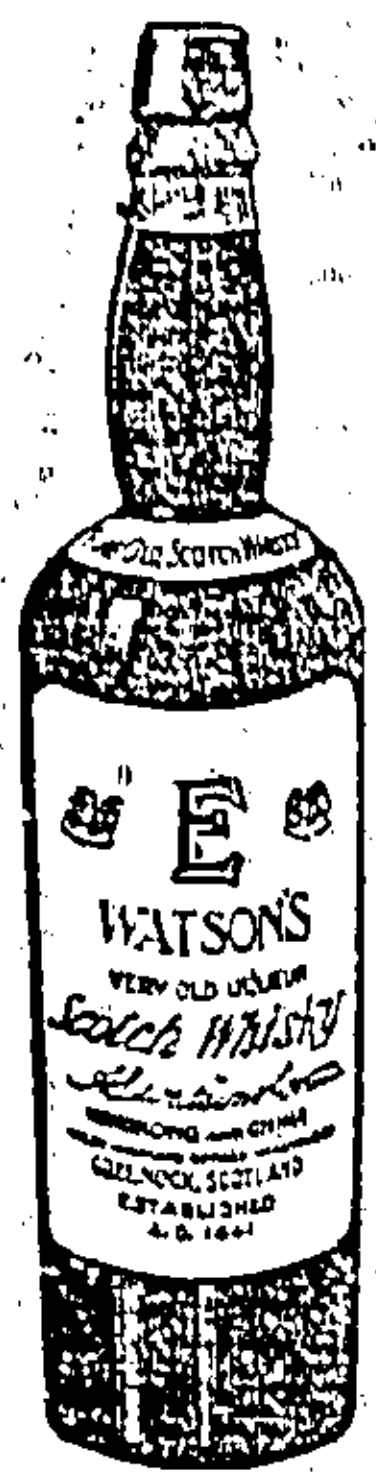
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THE DIARY.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Jan. 5.—
Noon.—Green Island Cement Co's
Extraordinary Meeting.
3 p.m.—Auction of a quantity of
Sulphur at Water Police Coal Yard,
Kowloon.

SATURDAY, Jan. 6.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.
Cricket.—H.K. C. Club v. Civil
Service on C.S. Ground.
9 p.m.—Police Reserve Assault at Arms
in Theatre Royal.

MONDAY, Jan. 8.—
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at
P.W.D.
3.42 p.m.—Full moon.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17.—
Diocesan School Prize Giving.
Noon.—Presentation of Prizes by Lady
May at Ladies' Public School.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20.—
Noon.—Auction of R.C. "Kung Tieg"
at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

TUESDAY, Jan. 23.—
Chinese New Year.
General Holiday.

THURSDAY, Jan. 25.—
Burns' Night.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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from Canton over the outlying dis-
tricts of the province would be any
more effective than it is at present.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

All the ponies for the next Race
Meeting, February 26, 27 and 28, have
arrived with the exception of Mr. John
Peel's string. Entries close on 37th
inst.

A quantity of jewellery and cloth-
ing, the value of which is at present
unknown, was stolen by a gang of armed
robbers who broke into a house in a
village near Tai-po yesterday.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs
to acknowledge with thanks the fol-
lowing donation to the Extension Funds
of the Hospitals—

A. H. Hewitt \$50

Local racing men will sympathise
with Sir Paul Chater in the loss of the
pony Monarchism which he recently
bought in Shanghai for £100. The
pony arrived on the evening of Sunday
last—New Year's Eve—and died the
next morning.

The Living Buddha of Urga has
despatched a special delegate to bear
presents to the President consisting of
eleven fine Mongolian horses, two white
camels, one yellow camel, a golden statue
of Buddha and many other rare and
valuable articles.

Chinese newspapers report that the
Minister of Education, Mr. Fang Yun-
lien, has drawn up a scheme for the
introduction of general education
throughout the whole country. Owing
to the financial situation, however, the
establishment of schools will be spread
over ten years, commencing next year,
when it is hoped to appropriate
\$3,000,000 for that purpose.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

AN HONEST THIEF.

A casual coolie when asked at
Yau-mati to account for the possession
of a roll of silk frankly admitted that
he stole it and took the Police to
Holt's Wharf where he pointed out a
broken package from which he said
he had taken it. He was sentenced to
three months' hard labour.

DECKHANDS FIGHT ENGINE ROOM STAFF.

A free fight between deckhands and
the engine room staff occurred on board
a Blue Funnel steamer yesterday. The
dispute arose over the distribution of
stores. Nearly everybody was injured
and one man was wounded and sent to
hospital. The disturbance afterwards
went in a body to the Police Station and
the man accused of wounding was
arrested and released on a bail of \$200.
He was before the Court this morning
and remanded.

EXPORTING DOLLARS.

A woman from Shanghai charged
with attempting to export fifty silver
dollars said she was on her way to
Macau. Mr. Melbourne imposed a fine
of \$1 and said the woman could take
the money away if she changed it into
notes.

UNDELIVERED ANTIMONY.

\$300 CLAIM IN THE SUMMARY COURT.

Nine hundred dollars and costs was
claimed in the Summary Court this
morning, as damages for non-delivery
of thirty tons of antimony agreed to be
sold on October 23rd 1916. The
plaintiffs, for whom Mr. Bulmer Johnson
(Messrs. Denny and Bowley) appeared,
were the Lee Hang firm, merchants of
Gresson Street, Wanchai, the defendants
were the Chi On Chang firm, 33 Wing
Lok Street, for whom Mr. Kong Sing
appeared.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson said the
antimony was agreed to be sold at \$340
a ton and the offer was choppied by the
defendant firm at the time it was made.
The offer was limited to acceptance with-
in three days. The time was extended to
seven days and within the extended
time the offer was accepted by telegraph
from Canton. On plaintiff's
return on October 24th he wrote the
defendants and asked for the delivery of
the antimony or else to enter into a
formal contract. No reply was received
and another letter was sent on October
25th and no attention was paid to that.
Subsequently defendants denied
knowledge of the affair. The damages
were the amount between the offer and
the amount paid for antimony bought
elsewhere.

The manager of the plaintiff firm said
the offer was made to him in a Chinese
Club.

The defendants alleged that the time
was extended without their knowledge.
The alteration in the original state from
three days to seven days was made by a
fok Fun San, who was not a partner in
the firm.

WAR CHARITIES.

"Our Little Bit" Society, Kow-
loon, forwarded yesterday the usual
fortnightly parcels, consisting of
the following, to the Queen Mary's
Needlework Guild, 2, Cavendish
Square, London, W., through the
courtesy of Messrs. Shewap, Tones
& Co.—

2,804 Rolled Bandages.
350 Swabs.
96 Flannel Manlytailed Band-
ages.
40 Floor Mats.
32 Milk Covers.
7 Eye Bandages.
12 Caps (White).
4 pairs Knee Caps.
140 Suits Pyjamas.

Japan's remarks the "Japan Chronicle,"
has lately been rather unfortunate in
the matter of epidemics, which have
occurred in various parts of the country
during the last six months, causing the
loss of many lives. Cholera, which
claimed so many victims and created
such a scare for a time, seems to have
been successfully stamped out with
the advent of cooler weather, but
plague and small-pox have not only
not been extirpated but threaten to
spread the moment the precautionary
grip is slackened. Cases of typhoid
and dysentery are by no means fewer
than in usual years, though people
have become so used to these diseases
that they do not seem to pay serious
attention to their malignant nature.

SPORTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES.

The following Championship fixtures
have been arranged for 1917.

6TH JANUARY, 1917.

FIFTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Handicap Class.—Course: No. 3, Ly-
mun Beacon (S). Kowloon Rock (S).
Lyemun Beacon (S). Distance 9.2
Miles. Preparatory Gun 2.35 p.m.
Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

One Design Class.—Course: No. 4,
Lyemun Beacon (P). Cust Rocks Buoy
(P). Channel Rocks (P). Distance 8.1
Miles. Preparatory Gun 2.35 p.m.
Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

Handicap Hays and Guel Class.—Course:
No. 4, Lyemun Beacon (P). Cust Rocks
Buoy (P). Channel Rocks (P). Dis-
tance 8.1 Miles. Preparatory Gun 2.45
p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

14TH JANUARY, 1917.

SIXTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Handicap Class.—Course: No. 3, Chan-
nel Rocks (P). Kowloon Rock (P). Mark
Boat on starting line (P). Channel
Rocks (P). Kowloon Rock (P). Dis-
tance 8.1 Miles. Preparatory Gun 2.25
p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

One Design Class.—Course: No. 37,
Channel Rocks (P). Cust Rocks Buoy
(P). Kowloon Rock (S). Channel Rocks
(S). Distance 7.7 Miles. Preparatory
Gun 2.35 p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

Handicap Hays and Guel Class.—Course:
No. 37, Channel Rocks (S). Cust Rocks
Buoy (P). Kowloon Rock (S). Chan-
nel Rocks (S). Distance 7.7 Miles. Pre-
paratory Gun 2.45 p.m. Starting Gun
2.30 p.m.

20TH JANUARY, 1917.

SIXTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Handicap Class.—Course: No. 3, Chan-
nel Rocks (P). Kowloon Rock (P). Mark
Boat on starting line (P). Channel
Rocks (P). Kowloon Rock (P). Dis-
tance 8.1 Miles. Preparatory Gun 2.25
p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

One Design Class.—Course: North Fair-
way Buoy (S). Trocas Rock Buoy (S).
Distance 8.1 Miles. Preparatory Gun:
2.35 p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

Handicap Hays and Guel Class.—Course:
North Fairway Buoy (S). Channel
Rocks (S). Distance 9.8 Miles. Pre-
paratory Gun 2.45 p.m. Starting Gun
2.30 p.m.

17TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

SEVENTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Handicap Class.—Course: Datum Rock
(S). Distance 14 miles. Preparatory
Gun 2.25 p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

One Design Class.—Course: North Fair-
way Buoy (S). Channel Rocks (S). Dis-
tance 6.8 miles. Preparatory Gun 2.35
p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

Handicap Hays and Guel Class.—Course:
North Fairway Buoy (S). Channel
Rocks (S). Distance 9.8 Miles. Pre-
paratory Gun 2.45 p.m. Starting Gun
2.30 p.m.

17TH MARCH, 1917.

EIGHTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Handicap Class.—Course: No. 10 Ly-
mun Beacon (P). Cust Rocks Buoy (P).
Lyemun Beacon (P). 10.1 miles. Pre-
paratory Gun 2.25 p.m. Starting Gun
2.30 p.m.

One Design Class.—Course: No. 38,
Channel Rocks (P). Cust Rocks Buoy
(P). Channel Rocks (S). Distance 6.9
miles. Preparatory Gun 2.35 p.m.
Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

Handicap Hays and Guel Class.—Course:
No. 38, Channel Rocks (P). Cust
Rocks Buoy (P). Channel Rocks (S).
Distance 6.9 miles. Preparatory Gun
2.45 p.m. Starting Gun 2.30 p.m.

18TH MARCH, 1917.

FIFTH AND LAST CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.
Course: Lyemun Island (S). Distance 22.5
miles. Start and finish opposite Murray
Pier. Preparatory Gun 10.25 a.m.
Starting Gun 10.30 a.m.

The Handicaps for the Cruiser Class
have been re-adjusted as follows:—
CHINESE RIG.—
Miranda.....Scratch.
Oenone.....20 Sod per Mile.
Rongtong.....30 " " "
Dorothy.....40 " " "
Lady Godiva.....40 " " "

ENGLISH RIG.—
Feather.....Scratch.
Irene.....2 Min. per Mile.
Vesper.....2 " " "
Queen Bee.....1 " " "

D. K. BLAIR.
Hon. Sailing Secretary.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

13.20 p.m.
Banks.....\$ 110 sellers
Indo Def.....124 buyers
China Sugars.....125 buyers
Hongkong Stocks.....127 sellers

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

HONGKONG CHINESE AND PARLI-
MENTARY REPRESENTATION.

PEKING, Jan. 2.

A Presidential mandate has been
promulgated outlining the system for
the election of representatives to the
Senate of Chinese abroad, and [stat-
ing that?] as there are half a million
of Chinese residing in Hongkong they
should elect representatives.

THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF
KWANGTUNG.

PEKING, Jan. 2.

H.E. Luk Wing Ting, the Military
Governor of Canton, has asked to be
allowed to retain the Salt revenue
in order to meet expenses, but the
request was refused.
His Excellency has again expressed
his desire to resign, but permis-
sion has been refused. He has been
granted leave only.

INSISTING ON HARMONY.

PEKING, Jan. 2.

Owing to differences between the
Premier, Parliament and the Pres-
ident, twelve provinces, headed by
the Vice-President (H.E. Fung
Kwok Chang) have sent a joint
telegram to each counselling "har-
mony for the good of the country."
The President did not give any
direct reply to the memorial, but
wired to each of the provinces a
statement of his political intentions.

CHANGING CHINA.

A REVOLUTION IN THOUGHT.

The following interesting message is
from the Peking correspondent of the
"N. Y. Daily News":—

The President's visit to Peking
yesterday is suggestive of the process of
development slowly but surely taking
place in China. A thousand students
graduated at the Military Academy in
the old capital of Chihli, and the Pres-
ident went 100 miles by train to attend
the graduating exercises, leaving at 9 a.m.
and returning at 4 p.m. There are
contained three facts, remarkable because
they are indicative of a state of things
inconceivable in China a generation ago.

The least significant fact is that it is
possible to journey a hundred miles from
Peking into the interior, to do solid busi-
ness at one's destination, and to return
to the capital, all within a few hours.
Next comes the fact that one thousand
young Chinese of the better classes have
just completed a military education of a
modern character, fitting them for com-
missioned rank in a modern army. All
of the thousand would repudiate bows
and arrows, and would write up an essay
on ballistics as easily as they would
bestow a bowl of rice.

Thirdly, the Ruler of the State calmly
walks in and out of his Palace, drives
along streets in his motor, brushes
through crowds at railway stations, makes
a popular address to a crowd of laos, and
all the time is doing what everybody
thinks natural and proper.

Truly, the times are changing. This
trip of the President is indicative of
nothing less than a revolution of thought
in the mind of China, a revolution of
which the possibilities are equally endless
and encouraging.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co's Piece Goods
Market Report says:—

The market here has flattered slightly
during the week owing to ignorant talk
amongst the native dealers with regard
to the German olive branch clasped in a
muffled fist, that has been offered to the
Allies, and the crop of peace rumours
which have passed into the interior, are
some slight extent, retarding orders
from being passed down to Shanghai. Of
the great European struggle the up-
country merchant knows nothing and
cares less, but merely argues that as war
sent prices up, therefore peace would
sent them down. Meantime the central-
isation of effort on the part of the Allies,
upon war-work and war-work only,
continues, and the native may have to
look elsewhere than Europe for his
cheap supplies of clothing, of which
the stocks remaining in importer's hands
are being fondly cherished against the
time that the real pinch for supplies
must occur.

CABWOMEN IN PETROGRAD.

The Petrograd police recently informed
all owners of horse-cabs that women
might act as drivers both for cabs and
vans. Next day, a great number of cabs
were being driven by women, mainly
wives and sisters of

TELEGRAMS.

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THE MALAY STATES AND THE WAR.

A MILLION A YEAR.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 2. At a meeting of the Federal Council of the Malay States, the Sultan of Selangor moved and the Sultan of Perak seconded an annual war contribution of £500,000.

This, with the proposed contribution by the Straits Settlements, makes an annual contribution of one million sterling from the Malay States.

The meeting was presided over by the Governor (Sir Arthur Young).

The Governor reported that the contribution from the Straits Settlements in connection with "Our Day" was £50,000. Many Asiatics generously contributed to the fund.

THE 6 PER CENT. EXCHEQUER BONDS AND CERTIFICATES STOPPED.

NEW WAR LOAN IMMINENT.

LONDON, Jan. 2. An official announcement is made that no further applications for 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds or War Expenditure Certificates will be accepted.

This is taken to indicate that a new War Loan is imminent.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Messrs. Molyneux & Goldsmith's review of the silver market during the year 1916 states that the huge demands exceeded the production, and that probably the coinage orders in the present year will exceed the available production.

A "NO SALARY" STIPULATION.

LONDON, Jan. 2. It is officially stated that Baron Cowdray stipulates as a condition of his accepting the Chairmanship of the Air Board that no salary shall be paid.

THE KING OF HEDJAZ.

GRAND SHERIFF OF MECCA'S NEW TITLE RECOGNISED.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Grand Sheriff of Mecca has been notified that his assumption of the title of King of Hedjaz has been definitely recognised by Great Britain, France and Italy.

BELGIUM AND AMERICA.

KING TO PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. The King of Belgium has cabled to President Wilson conveying the gratitude of the Belgians to America for the generous assistance and sympathy extended to them and expressing the hope that America would always remain a strong protector of Belgium.

LORD CURZON MARRIED.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Lord Curzon has been married to Mrs. Duggan in the private chapel at Lambeth Palace.

OBITUARY.

SIR CHARLES HOBHOUSE.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The death is announced of Sir Charles Hobhouse, formerly of the Bengal Civil Service, and, in later years, a Judge of the High Court at Calcutta.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

THE BELGIAN OCCUPATION OF FEBORA.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Belgian occupation of Febora, in East Africa, was facilitated by the King of Uganda's provision of 15,000 porters. The column fought and marched for months through dense bush and swamps, from which the soldiers were sometimes inextricable. Thousands of Africans and Arabs enthusiastically greeted the Belgians. A common cry was: "The people of fifteen have departed; may they never return." "Fifteen" refers to the minimum number of lashes inflicted by the Germans as punishment for trivial offences. The Germans attempted to characterise the campaign as "Jehad," yet simultaneously ordered pig-bristles.

THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

BLOCKADE MAINTAINED.

ATHENS, Jan. 1. The Note of the Triple to Greece intimates that Allied troops may shortly be landed at Salonika and conveyed to Salonika by the Larissa Railway. Our reserves will have full liberty of action in the event of the Greek Government giving further cause for complaint. It pledges the Entente not to permit the Venizelist forces to cross the neutral zone.

The Note declares that the blockade will be maintained until the Entente's demands are satisfied.

THE VENEZUELO GOVERNMENT.

APPOINTMENT OF BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 1. An official announcement states that the Earl of Grenville has been appointed the British Government's representative on M. Venizelos' Provisional Government, at Salonika, with the title of Diplomatic Agent.

THE PEACE MANŒUVRES.

GERMANY'S OPINION.

LONDON, Jan. 1. A wireless message, addressed to the German Embassy at Washington, states that the general impression in Germany is that the Entente's answer is verbose and that the refusal to end the war is especially regrettable for the sake of neutrals who are suffering the consequences of the war. The message points out that it is remarkable the Answer mentions the rights of nationalities despite the fact that the conquest of Constantinople and the Dardanelles is one of the Entente's avowed objects.

NEW YEAR MESSAGES.

THE ALLIES' CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The King has sent the following New Year message to President Poincaré: "I am as confident as ever of a victorious issue to the struggle. I pray that the noble French nation, whose sons have strikingly and freshly proved the will to victory, may, by the triumph of the Allies, re-enter the path of peaceful progress, secured against aggression."

President Poincaré, replying to the King of Italy, says victory is assured in the New Year.

KAISER'S NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO EMPRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Kaiser, in his New Year's greetings to the Empress, speaks of clearing Rumania, despite stubborn Russian resistance, thanks God for it, and expresses confidence that the New Year will bring new victories; but adds, in a minor key: "We will hold on. American telegrams indicate that the hope of American mediation is for the present abandoned."

BRITISH AND RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

AN INSINUATION REFUTED.

PETERSBURG, Jan. 2. The British Ambassador, Sir G. W. Buchanan, speaking at a New Year's banquet, said that peace with Germany, whose hands were red with the blood of non-combatants, was impossible until Germany's spirit of militarism was exorcised. He refuted the insinuation that Great Britain was trying to thwart Russia. He declared that Great Britain, which heartily assented to Russia's aims regarding Constantinople and wished to permanently consolidate the Anglo-Russian Alliance. The Ambassador pointed out that Great Britain had advanced £500,000,000 to her Allies for the purchase of war material besides what she had supplied direct.

CANADIAN ASYLUM FIRE.

FORTY-SIX WOMEN INCINERATED.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2. Forty-six women were incinerated by a fire which occurred at a lunatic asylum at St. Ferdinand, Megantic County, in the night time. There was uncontrollable panic among the inmates, many of whom were injured by jumping from the windows to water which was frozen.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF IRISH RAILWAYS.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The Government has taken over the control of the Irish railways from to-day.

General Nivelle, who succeeds General Joffre in the command of the French field army, is the son of an English mother. He started in an English school, and distinguished himself in the Battle of the Marne and at Verdun as General Petain's right-hand man.

PANAMA CANAL.

FALLING-OFF IN AMERICAN COASTWISE TRADE.

The Acting British Consul at Colon says the "Board of Trade Journal" has furnished the following particulars of the Panama Canal traffic during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1916. It is pointed out that as the canal was closed by a landslide from the middle of September, 1915, until April 15th, 1916, the period covered is in reality only five months.

The number of ocean-going vessels using the waterway during the year ended June 30th, 1916, was 787, and their aggregate net tonnage was 2,470,791 tons, the corresponding figures for the previous fiscal year being 1,088 vessels of 3,843,035 tons. The total quantity of cargo carried through the canal in 1915-16 was 3,140,046 tons, as compared with 4,969,792 tons in 1914-15. Taking into consideration the fact that the canal was open to traffic for ten and a half months in the year 1915-16, as against five months in 1914-15, the monthly average for ships, tonnage, cargo carried and tolls was higher in the latter year.

TRADE ROUTES.

The vessels passing through the canal in the fiscal year 1916 were employed on the following principal trade routes:—(1) United States to the West Coast of South and Central America; (2) United States to the Far East, including Australasia; (3) United States to Europe; (4) Europe to the Pacific Coast of Central and South America; (5) Europe to the West Coast of North America; (6) Atlantic terminal of the Panama Canal to the Pacific Coast of Central and South America, over which route is carried cargo for and from the United States and Europe.

A noticeable feature is the large falling off in the United States coastwise trade in recent months. During July-September, 1915, there were 79 ships, with a net tonnage of 311,468 tons, carrying 280,844 tons of cargo, but from the time of the reopening of the canal to June 30, 1916, the coastwise traffic consisted only of 11 ships, with a net tonnage of 37,700 tons, which carried 21,888 tons of cargo. This falling off was caused by the fact that with the closing of the canal the vessels of the interrupted coastwise services were diverted to a great extent to the foreign trade, in which trade they have been kept since the reopening of the canal. The reopening of the canal has caused a great demand for tonnage and the prevailing high freights brought about by the war.

Of the 757 vessels using the canal during 1915-16, 458 were British and 298 American, the next most important nationality being Norwegian with 45. As regards the cargo carried, the principal commodities passing through the canal during the year were as follows:—Nitrate, 894,129 tons; refined petroleum, 271,041 tons; coal, 243,213 tons; sugar, 128,544 tons; lumber, 85,685 tons; manufactured goods of iron and steel, 87,375 tons; crude oil, 69,812 tons; railway material, 57,829 tons; and iron ore, 52,250 tons.

PRIVATE COAL DEPOSITS.

The Acting British Consul at Colon reports that construction work on the permanent coaling plants at the terminals of the Panama Canal has advanced to such a point that their completion will require only a few more months. The various coaling companies which have applied for storage space have been notified of this fact and requested to state their precise requirements for space. In order that the Panama Canal Administration may proceed with the assignments of space and the granting of revocable licenses.

Some companies have made a provisional application for space, with the understanding that before the completion of the plants they should indicate more precisely their needs, while others had applied for space for a specific number of tons. The latter companies are given opportunity to increase or decrease the space applied for, and all are requested to advise whether they wish the space in one plant, at either Chibolco or Balboa, or divided between the two.

THE PRICE OF FOOD AT HOME.

A recent London paper says:—The shilling loaf is now in sight. "It is not at all a remote possibility," Mr. Finch, secretary of the London Master Bakers' Protection Society, told a Press representative "and my own view is that housewives will certainly have to pay that price before the war is over."

The Incorporated Society of Wholesale and Retail Master Bakers have already decided on a further advance in the price of the 4lb loaf.

To-day it is 10d, but on Monday it will be 10½d—the highest quotation yet reached. The Dairy Products Committee of the Retail and Associated Chambers of Agriculture has warmly welcomed the request made to them, at the instance of Captain Beville Stanier, M.P., to prepare a report upon the causes that have led to the increase in the price of milk.

Wing rib of beef was quoted in the meat department of a West End store at 1s. 6d. per lb., yesterday; sirloin of beef at 1s. 6d.

Leg of mutton was 1s. 6d. per lb., shoulder 1s. 6d., and rump steak 1s. 10d. per lb. The great demand for coal is creating enterprise in the Black Country coal fields.

NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 15.

WHEN WILL IT END?

With the winter hard upon us the question arises more than ever insistently—when will the war end? Some optimists talk of the Spring, but the wiser men look further ahead and declare that we must be prepared for a longer struggle, and concluding phases of the conflict that will surpass in ferocity all that has gone before. In the opinion of many well able to judge, we shall hardly be back in peace conditions before the summer of 1918.

One of the clearest writers on the war throughout the past two and a half years has been Mr. J. L. Garvin, editor of the "Observer." He has consistently declined to be lulled by false hopes and unwarranted optimism, and all along he has addressed warnings to the public not to leap too readily to the impulse of sanguine expectations roused by local achievements.

In Sunday's issue, following a series of brilliant articles, he emphatically declares that the mistakes of the Allies in the East have set back the clock and we must no longer look with any certainty for a concluding campaign next year but must prepare for a further campaign for the year after that, which should, unless further errors are committed, be the closing stage. He points out that when Rumania came in the policy should have been to attack Bulgaria, crush her and cut off Turkey from the Central Powers, then settle with Turkey, then Austria, and finally surround Germany in a wall of steel, as advocated by M. Briand. Divided councils apparently caused delay in the Allied actions, so that we are now too late to carry this policy out before Christmas. Rumania is not yet wholly out of danger, at the time of writing, but she cannot now suffer the full punishment of the "pincer" strategy clearly designed against her by the German partners: Hindenburg and Ludendorff. Instead of going directly against Bulgaria and so securing her flank, Rumania made the mistake of trying directly to conquer Transylvania. A golden opportunity was lost of cutting six months off the war, and unless remarkable things happen we must look for a very bitter continuation of the struggle next Spring. It is only due to the splendid heroism of the Rumanian army and the heavy aid that is coming to it from Russia, that the situation of Rumania is not now a very serious one. Everyone I need hardly say, is hoping even now that the Eastern forces may be able, by superhuman efforts, to do the apparently impossible and recover such advantages as to offset the initial mistakes in some degree.

As time goes on many competent authorities are coming to the view that, after all, the final issues will not rest so much on the West, as in the break through the Balkans. In spite of the Beaumont Hamel advance this week, the smash through the German lines on the West is no longer spoken of so easily, in view of the fact that the Germans have had so long a time in which to prepare their defences. The pooling of all the resources of the Central League, under Hindenburg and Ludendorff, has resulted at least in centralised control and cut out divisions of opinion. Every lesson that they could learn from the Allies the Germans have appropriated, and their management and fighting qualities should not be minimised. The Allies, therefore, are now on their mettle to match this union by a still closer union of policy, harmonious as their relations have been throughout. There is nothing to be alarmed about in all this. We are all as united, as confident, and determined as ever. We know we are winning, and our knowledge is no less pronounced because we do not blink at the fact that we have a scrimmage yet ahead that, as Mr. Asquith said at the Guildhall on Thursday, will call for all our resources and all our strength. Sir John French at the same place predicted that the climax would be reached in the Spring, but he was careful to add that the climax did not necessarily mean the end, which could not be recorded until we had achieved a victory that would make for an enduring peace. On the whole, therefore, we shall be better advised to take the extreme view of our requirements and prepare accordingly. That is the opinion of the longest-headed men to-day.

THE GUILDHALL BANQUET.

I was at the Guildhall Banquet on Thursday, and as the reception proceeded I had difficulty in realising that we were in the midst of war. It was a brilliant gathering, glittering in scarlet and gold, set off with tints of black and khaki. How strong is the Imperial spirit was seen in the reception accorded to the overseas representatives, and how cordial are the relations with the Allies was reflected in the hearty greeting to the diplomats from anti-German capitals, especially the Russian, French, Serbian and Rumanian representatives. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour were well received, but the ovation of the evening was given to Lord Fisher, who was specially animated in conversation with Lord French. Take that as a sign, I suggest to you, and "keep your eye on Fisher."

As to the banquet itself, a sort of effort had been made on paper to make it the simple meal advocated by the Premier. But it was very much the same as in former years, with the real fare concealed more or less in the simple words "removes" and "sweets." But less anyone who has never attended such a feast should weave fancy pictures round the menu, let me say that you can get quite as good fare at a modest price at any decent club or hotel that you may enter, East or West. The Guildhall has no kitchen; the real fancy spreads are at the Mansion House and apart from the turtle soup, pheasant en casserole and the frittelle, all the fare is cold. "A picnic," the Times called it, and that hits it off very well, though the older men know well how to picnic.

BRITISH TRADE.

Though British manufacturers are hard put to it to handle existing orders, on account of the shortage of labour, and are therefore liable to be accused of slowness in regard to export enterprise, there is quiet preparation for the trade that will follow the war. All the principal ports anticipate a substantial development then, to a large extent at the expense of Hamburg and Bremen. Bristol and Cardiff expect to capture a good deal of the North Atlantic traffic, and as to Russian, Scandinavian and trade from the British Dominions overseas, Liverpool, Newcastle and Hull look for an increased share. The war has interfered with the big improvement scheme which the Port of London

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CADORNA AND JOFFRE.

The advance made by the war in cementing the relations of the Allies is reflected in the meeting of Generals Joffre and Cadorna. The Italian Commander-in-Chief has done wonderful things and ought soon to be in possession of Trieste, but who before the war would have predicted a cordial cooperation between Italy and France? There the Hun made one of their many mistakes, and they are now stupefied to find the two great generals meeting together for common effort in Savoy, that old kingdom of feud between the two nations. Whatever hesitation there may have been in Italy before coming into the war, owing probably to the Hun financial entanglements in Milan and elsewhere—since ousted—there has been nothing but wholeheartedness since. Italy has plenty of arms and munitions, and future historians may yet write of the meeting of Cadorna and Joffre as marking one of the turning points of the war.

ON THE WEST FRONT.

Weather conditions on the West front are as bad as had can be. The mud and slush are indescribable and the cavalry have been moved further back. Even the "tanks" are finding it difficult. I am told, by the way, that there are two kinds of tanks, known as "he" and "she." One is fitted with showitzers and the other with machine guns. They hunt in couples, one of each, so the soldiers, always on the look out for drollery, have thus married them.

MAN AND WOMAN POWER.

We are becoming more and more aware of the war pressure, through the approach of a time when every man able to do anything will be roped into the net and told off to do something, military or otherwise, in the national interest. How far women have come to the aid of the country is revealed by the announcement that numbers of them are being trained for service as carpenters in France. These are chiefly for the construction of huts in the rear positions of the army.

As for those of us who are still at home, we are being drafted gradually into this, and that department of service, either for whole time or part time work. Those who have been graded as fit for general service have very little chance to-day of escaping that obligation.

LORD LUCAS.

The report that Lord Lucas is missing has caused keen regret in a very wide circle, for he was one of the most popular of the younger men in politics and society. He has done good departmental work at home, but his active spirit called for more and more service in the war, in spite of the handicap of an artificial leg, caused through the loss of his natural limb in the South African war. So he took to flying and was rendering a good account of himself when, presumably, the Germans got him down.

He was a cheery soul and was always ready to show the ingenious fitting of his substitute leg, even boasting that it was more comfortable than the original. It could not, he argued, develop corns, and he added "You don't know the comfort of an artificial leg until you have bumped it against the sharp edge of a table and felt nothing." It is recorded that when he went to the front his mechanic got quite a fright when he borrowed the oil can and proceeded to lubricate his knee joint.

OPIMUM.

Once more a Chinese resident has been fined a heavy sum for concealing opium in the East End. This is one of many such prosecutions in the past few months and it is to be feared that opium smoking is a growing vice, along with cocaine drugging, which has been developed by some men of the overseas contingents, abetted by the men and women who live by their wits in the underworld. The police are on the watch for opium dens in the West End as well as in the East End. A young Canadian officer says on his way over he made the acquaintance of a very pleasant man who gave him an introduction to a family living in a fashionable square who would, he said, give a cordial welcome to an officer from across the seas. When he called he was struck by the sickly atmosphere of the interior. He was shown into a sumptuously appointed room, fitted with divans, and received by a charming lady. But he was suspicious of the whole surroundings and was not to be caught, so he got away as speedily as possible. A few days later he passed the same place and saw that the house was to let. The wary birds had fled from inquisitive authorities, who had been given a hint.

CAPTURING GERMAN INDUSTRIES.

Lord Rhonda, better known as Mr. D. A. Thomas of Cardiff, is going outside his colliery enterprises in his attack on German trade. He has bought sanatonogen, formant and other German preparations, and will change their names as soon as the existing stocks run out and then pit British manufacturers and British methods against the German. He told me the other night he bid for the business because he had been taking sanatonogen for years as a brain food and believed in it; so the concern attracted him. He explained that the conquest of business gave zest to his life and he had no use for the man, who merely went into business in order to make a competence and then retire. He has since bought a German gunno business and, I understand, is looking out for new worlds to conquer.

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MORE GERMAN MISCHIEF.
I hear from a reliable source in South Africa that German agents there have been active in their surreptitious way in stirring up an agitation among the Basutos, who are fairly well armed. So far the mischief has been scotched, and all the whites are determined to allow it no opportunity to develop, so far as ordinary precautions are concerned. It is a situation, however, that will require constant and careful watching and it demonstrates the dangerous and treacherous nature of the Hun, who is ready to return evil for hospitality in any land on the face of the earth, no matter what horrors his perfidy may let loose.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR, 1917.
This Fair, which, as in 1915 and 1916, is being organised by the Board of Trade, will be held in the buildings of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W., from February 26th to March 2nd, 1917, and will comprise the following trades, viz:—

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S. V. D. PARR, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1916. 1347

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Hongkong.

Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1916. 1300

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Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1917. 1385

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE

THE Steamship "VAN WAERWILCK" having arrived from the above port consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by January 5, 1917 will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on the 5th, January, 1917 at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire-Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading be countersigned by JAVIA CHINA JAPAN LINE, Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1917. 1390

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SCARCITY OF SILVER CURRENCY IN JAPAN.

ILLEGAL MELTING.

Complaints regarding the scarcity of silver currency, the *Yaman Chōhō* notes, continue to be heard among traders, people and factories where a large number of workmen are employed. The authorities have been making investigations into what they considered an inexplicable phenomenon as owing to the clamour about the scarcity of silver money, they are said to have unloaded 1,000,000 worth of 50-sen pieces on the market since last spring. Yet this appears to have made little or no impression on the market, which has swallowed up the huge load of silver with great avidity and, like silver itself, is asking for more. It is stated that as a result of investigations the police authorities of Osaka have discovered that there are some people engaged in buying up of old 10-sen, 20-sen and 50-sen silver coins, as these are so large that at the present high price of silver it pays to melt them down and sell them as bullion. The police are now tracing the offenders so as to bring them to justice.

Mr. Ikebura, Director of the Osaka Mint, says that when silver rose to 77 pence in May last he heard a rumor that somebody was engaged in the collection of the old large silver pieces to melt them down. It is apparent that much profit will be made by this process. There is a law in existence, however, issued in the early years of Meiji, making the damaging or destruction of metal or paper currency a punishable offence, and anyone guilty of melting silver currency is liable to punishment when discovered.

Mr. Ikebura further says that 12,000,000 worth of 50-sen silver will be issued within the year to relieve the demand always experienced at the year-end for money.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1857-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 41 feet 5 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 4 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamouet Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 4th to 10th, 1917.

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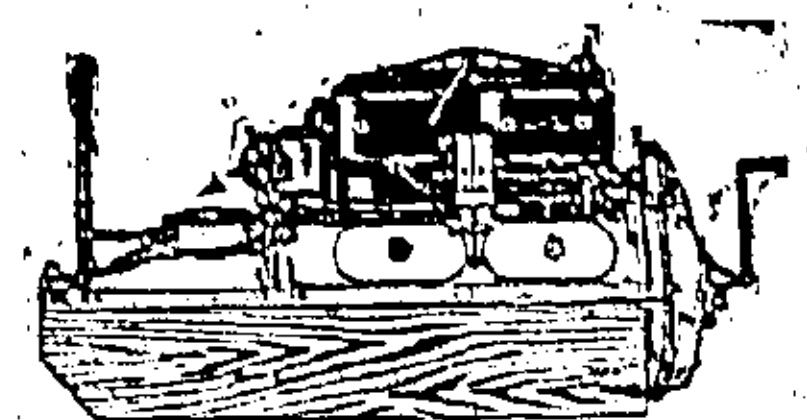
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

INWARD MAILS.

From SHANGHAI, due Jan. 3.

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The rates of Postage on letters to the Chinese Post Office are now as follows:

To Canton, Fatsien, 2 cents for 1 ounce.

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Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Mails will close for:

STRAITS, BURMAH & CALCUTTA.

At 7 a.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan.

HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.

At 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan.

HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

At 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan.

STRAITS, CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN & LONDON.

At 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

(Europe via Siberia).

Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan. (Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 6th Jan.)

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

At 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 4th Jan.

SWATOW & BANGKOK.

At 11 a.m., on Friday, the 5th Jan.

STRAITS & INDIA VIA CALCUTTA.

At 11 a.m., on Friday, the 5th Jan.

HAIPHONG.

At 5 p.m., on Friday, the 5th Jan.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

At 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th Jan.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

At 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th Jan.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

Registration at 9 a.m. Letters at 9.30 a.m., on Monday, the 8th Jan.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, & TACOMA.

At 1 p.m., on Monday, the 8th Jan.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND VIA PORT DARWIN & NEW GUINEA VIA THURSDAY ISLAND.

Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 9th Jan.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.O., VANCOUVER, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA & UNITED KINGDOM VIA CANADA.

(Europe via Siberia).

Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 10th Jan.

[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Saturday, 13th Jan.]

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.

Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 10th Jan.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, the 10th Jan., at 5 p.m.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 3rd at 11.10—No returns from Japan or S.E. China.

Pressure has increased moderately along the east coast of China and slightly along the south coast to Tournay, and over Luzon and Formosa. It has decreased slightly over Formosa.

Strong monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China and over the north part of the China Sea.